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- The former Nationalist merchant vessel YUAN PEI (元 声)* is now armed with six 100-mm long-range guas and four anti-aircraft machine guas. She also carries radar, is camouflage painted, and is moored beside the wharf between the Shanghai Soviet Consulate and the former Japanese Consulate on the Bund. The ships HUA () 211** and MIN () 111***, the latter described as an oil tanker, are moored in the vicinity of Kaomiao ()) in Pootung. Three Communist naval vessels are constantly moored at Mantunghsien (120-52, 32-02) on the north bank of the Yangtze.
- China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's Wharfs No. 8, at Changchiapeng (张文宗), Pootung and No. 9, at Laopotu (老白渡), are used to moor naval vessels. A large landing craft, equipped with three or four longdistance guns, is at Wharf No. 8, while three 2,000-ton landing vessels are moored at No. 9. The vessels are camouflaged.
- Two modern gunboats recently purchased from the Soviets patrol the Tangtze off Wusungkou (121-30, 31-21). The passage was blocked completely from 12 March 1950, and large junks and motor junks are not yet allowed to pass.
- Fifteen thousand able-bodied men were selected from various units some time before I April 1950 for training by the East China Military District at the mayal academy in Nanking. A class of enlisted men graduated from the academy about the middle of March. Fifteen hundred of the graduated entrained for Dairen to continue their training under Soviet direction.
- Ten thousand naval uniforms were completed by Shanghai tailors and clothes workers by 25 March 1950. 25X1A

the YUAN PEI, a vessel belonging to the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, was under repair in the 25X Kawloon Dockyards in early May 1950.

the HUA class ship is given as 865-ton. 14-knot IST, and the MIN class as 569-ton, 11-knot IST. HUA 211 was reported to be engaged in general traffic on the Yangtze River, while MIN 311 was not listed in

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